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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masaki TOMARU

Appln. No.: 10/759,431 Group Art Unit: 3682

Filed: January 20, 2004 Examiner: D. Fenstermacher

For: : ELECTRIC STEERING COLUMN APPARATUS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time now set for response be extended, retroactively, by three months. The required petition fee for a large entity is submitted herewith. If any further extension of time is required to avoid abandonment of this application, such extension is hereby requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1165.

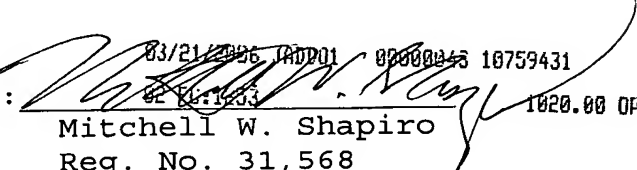
Respectfully submitted,

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